

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A stand for a camera, comprising:
 - an upper section including a platform adapted to support the camera;
 - a lower section including an anchor adapted to support the upper section in an upright position; and
 - an adjustment mechanism for vertically and rotationally moving the platform relative to the anchor to selectively aim the camera.
2. The camera stand of Claim 1, wherein:
 - the upper section includes an upper shaft extending downward from the platform;
 - the lower section includes a lower shaft extending upward from the anchor; and
 - the adjustment mechanism includes a vertical adjustment coupling between the upper shaft and the lower shaft.
3. The camera stand of Claim 2, wherein the upper shaft and the lower shaft are telescopically arranged to form the vertical adjustment coupling of the adjustment mechanism.
4. The camera stand of Claim 1, wherein:
 - the upper section includes an upper shaft extending downward from the platform;
 - the lower section includes a lower shaft extending upward from the anchor; and
 - the adjustment mechanism includes a rotational adjustment coupling between the upper shaft and the lower shaft.

5. The camera stand of Claim 4, wherein the upper shaft and the lower shaft are telescopically arranged to form the rotational adjustment coupling of the adjustment mechanism.
6. The camera stand of Claim 1, wherein the adjustment mechanism further comprises a securing mechanism adapted to secure the upper section and the lower section in place.
7. The camera stand of Claim 6, wherein the securing mechanism comprises a set screw extendable through an outer one of the upper and lower sections and engagable with an inner one of the upper and lower sections.
8. The camera stand of Claim 1, wherein the upper section further comprises a camera mounting mechanism adapted to secure the camera to the platform.
9. The camera stand of Claim 8, wherein the camera mounting mechanism comprises at least one strap attachable directly to indirectly to the platform and selectively positionable relative to the platform.
10. The camera stand of Claim 1, wherein:
 - the upper section includes an upper shaft extending downward from the platform;
 - the lower section includes a lower shaft extending upward from the anchor; and
 - the platform defines an opening that receives the lower shaft when the lower section is detached from and inverted relative to the upper section, wherein the stand can be arranged in a compact configuration for storage and shipment.

11. The camera stand of Claim 10, wherein:
 - the upper shaft is hollow; and
 - the platform opening is aligned with the hollow upper shaft, wherein the lower shaft is receivable in the hollow upper shaft when the lower section is detached from and inverted relative to the upper section.
12. The camera stand of Claim 10, wherein the platform includes a horizontal support section and a vertical back section extending therefrom, the lower section includes at least one foot assist member attached to the lower shaft, and wherein:
 - the upper shaft has a length that is substantially the same as a length of the lower shaft above the foot assists;
 - the platform back section has a height that is substantially the same as a length of the lower shaft below the foot assists;
 - the platform support section has a width that is substantially the same as a length of the foot assist member; and
 - the platform support section has a depth that is substantially the same as a width of the foot assist member.
13. The camera stand of Claim 1, where the anchor is adapted for inserting into ground.
14. The camera stand of Claim 1, wherein the lower section includes two or more foot assists for ease of installation, and at least two side anchors extending downward from the foot assists for inserting into ground for increased stability.

15. A stand for a camera, comprising:

an upper section including a platform adapted to support the camera, a camera mounting mechanism adapted to secure the camera to the platform, and a hollow upper shaft extending downward from the platform;

a lower section including an anchor adapted to insert into ground and support the upper section in an upright position, a lower shaft extending upward from the anchor, and a foot assist member attached to the lower shaft, and at least two side anchors extending downward from the foot assist member;

an adjustment mechanism comprising a telescopic arrangement of the upper shaft and the lower shaft for vertically and rotationally moving the platform relative to the anchor to selectively aim the camera, and further comprising a securing mechanism adapted to secure the upper section and the lower section in place; and

the platform defining an opening that is aligned with the hollow upper shaft, wherein the opening receives the lower shaft therethrough and the hollow upper shaft receives the lower shaft therein when the lower section is detached from and inverted relative to the upper section, wherein the stand can be arranged in a compact configuration for storage and shipment.

16. The camera stand of Claim 15, wherein the securing mechanism comprises a set screw extendable through the upper section and engagable with the lower section.

17. The camera stand of Claim 15, wherein the camera mounting mechanism comprises at least one strap and at least two vertical series of holes formed in the platform for receiving the strap for selectively positioning and attaching the strap to the platform.

18. The camera stand of Claim 15, wherein the platform includes a horizontal support section and a vertical back section extending therefrom, and wherein:

the upper shaft has a length that is substantially the same as a length of the lower shaft above the foot assists;

the platform back section has a height that is substantially the same as a length of the lower shaft below the foot assists;

the platform support section has a width that is substantially the same as a length of the foot assist member; and

the platform support section has a depth that is substantially the same as a width of the foot assist member.

19. A method of compactly arranging a camera stand for storage and shipment, comprising:

providing the camera stand with a lower section having a lower shaft and an upper section having an upper shaft and a camera platform defining an opening;

orienting the lower section in an upright position;

orienting the upper section in an inverted position; and

inserting the lower shaft through the opening in the platform.

20. The method of Claim 19, further comprising:

providing the upper shaft as a hollow upper shaft with the platform opening aligned with the hollow upper shaft; and

inserting the lower shaft into the hollow lower shaft.